

# Beads of the population of the lower angara region in the high middle ages (by materials from Prospikhinskaya Shivera-IV burial ground)

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## Abstract

The article presents the results of a comprehensive and interdisciplinary analysis of a collection of beads from the burial ground of 11 th -14 th centuries, known as Prospikhinskaya Shivera-IV. The necropolis was abandoned by the boreal population of Central Siberia and was located in the lower reaches of the Angara river. The aim of the study was to determine the origin and the material used in manufacturing of such beads. The chemical composition of the decorations showed that they were made of glass, earthenware, natural minerals. The main centers of production of the studied beads were Central Asia, the middle East, but the leading role was played by China.

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## Keywords

Beads, Central Siberia, Cultural connections, High Middle Ages, Scanning electron microscopy, The Lower Angara region

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